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SUBJECT: EXPULSION OF POLITICAL LEADERS AND JOURNALISTS: FALLOUT

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1. EMBASSY HUMAN RIGHTS OFFICER TALKED WITH LAW PARTNERS OF LAURA CALLER IBERICO, EX-AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL REP AND CANDIDATE FOR CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY FOR FOCEP. DR. CALLER IS STILL IN HIDING FOLLOWING ROUNDUP OF LABOR AND POLITICAL LEADERS AND THEIR DEPORTATION TO ARGENTINA (REFTEL). HER OFFICE, HER HOME AND THAT OF HER SISTER HAVE BEEN SEARCHED BY POLICE. HER FAMILY AND HER ASSOCIATES FEAR FOR HER SAFETY AND HEALTH (SHE SUFFERS FROM DIABETES), AND DISCUSSED WITH EMBOFF THE POSSIBILITY OF HER SEEKING ASYLUM IN A LATIN AMERICAN EMBASSY.

2. CALLER'S ASSOCIATES ALSO EXPRESSED DEEP CONCERN FOR THE PERSONAL SAFETY OF A NUMBER OF THE LEFTIST POLITICAL LEADERS DEPARTED MAY 25 BY THE GOP TO ARGENTINA. GIVEN THE DEPORTEES' WELL-KNOWN POLITICAL ORIENTATION AND THE PRESENT SITUATION IN ARGENTINA, THE FEAR IS THAT THEY WILL BE ARRESTED, WILL "DISAPPEAR" OR THAT THEIR LIVES WILL BE ENDANGERED.

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3. EMBASSY HUMAN RIGHTS OFFICER WAS VISITED BY WIFE OF EDITOR OF CONSERVATIVE "EL TIEMPO," ALFONSO BAELEA TUESTA, DEPORTED WITH LEFTIST POLITICIANS AND JOURNALISTS TO ARGENTINA ON MAY 25. ACCORDING TO MRS. BAELEA, THE 13 DEPORTEES ARE BEING HELD AT AN ARMY INSTALLATION IN JUJUY. SHE SAID THAT ADMIRALS FAURA GAIG AND ARCE LARCO WERE GIVEN THEIR PASSPORTS AND DOLLARS BEFORE DEPARTING LIMA. THE OTHER DEPORTEES WERE GIVEN

NOTHING. THE FAP HERCULES THAT TOOK THEM TO JUJUY STOPPED AT THE FAB AIRBASE AT LAJOYA IN SOUTHERN PERU, WHERE TWO LABOR LEADERS ARRESTED IN AREQUIPA, JUSTINIANO APAZA ORDONEZ OF THE TRANSPORT WORKERS AND VALENTIN PACHO QUISPE, SECY GEN OF THE DEPARTMENTAL LABOR CONFEDERATION JOINED THE ORIGINAL ELEVEN. MRS. BAELLA REVEALED THAT SHE HAS SENT CABLES TO INTERAMERICAN PRESS SOCIETY IN MIAMI AND TO THE UN PROTESTING HER HUSBAND'S ARBITRARY DETENTION, BUT THAT SHE IS UNSURE IF THEY WERE TRANSMITTED BY THE STATE COMMUNICATIONS AGENCY. SHE ASKED EMBOFF TO PROVIDE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF U.S. LEGISLATORS TO WHOM SHE COULD ADDRESS LETTERS OF PROTEST.

4. RECOMMENDATION: WITH DEPARTMENT CONCURRENCE, WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOMMEND THAT EMBASSY BUENOS AIRES SEEK ASSURANCES FROM THE GOA THAT THE PERUVIAN LEFTISTS DEPORTED TO JUJUY WILL BE AFFORDED ADEQUATE OFFICIAL PROTECTION AND WILL BE ALLOWED TO TRAVEL TO THIRD COUNTRIES EXPEDITIOUSLY.
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